

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

June 27, 1996

Business Meeting

MINUTES

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for the regular business meeting in Senate Room B of the General Assembly Building with the following members present:

Ms. Michelle Easton, President
Mr. Peter G. Decker, Jr.
Mr. Rayford L. Harris, Sr.
Senator James P. Jones

Ms. Lil Tuttle, Vice-President
Mr. R. Lee Ware
Mrs. Cheri P. Yecke

Dr. William C. Bosher, Jr.
Secretary and Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ms. Easton, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Ms. Easton introduced Dr. Richard T. La Pointe as the new Superintendent of Public Instruction, Wil Bryant, the Deputy Secretary of Education and Dewey Oakley as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Reverend Jim Ashton; Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Farmville; Principal Specialist for Equity in Education at the Department of Education. Ms. Easton led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ware requested that page 41 of the minutes be amended to reflect the names of all participants who voted on the Goals 2000 resolution. Mrs. Tuttle made a motion for approval of the minutes of the meetings of May 9, 1996 and May 23, 1996. Copies of the minutes had been distributed previously to all members of the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker and carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

The discussion of current issues was postponed until later in the meeting pending the arrival of Dr. Boshier. Item E on the agenda was moved to later in the meeting to allow the Department of Planning and Budget more time to approve the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA). Mr. Harris moved that the agenda be accepted as amended, and was seconded by Mrs. Yecke, and carried unanimously.

Highlight on Students

The Madrijazz Singers from Hanover County's Lee Davis High School lead by Director Jay BeVille performed for the Board

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ware made a motion to adopt the following items for the consent agenda:

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund
Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans
Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for
Placement on Waiting List
Final Review of AExtracurricular Activity Employee Contract with School Personnel.@

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tuttle and passed unanimously.

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the financial report on the status of the Literary Fund, as March 31, 1996, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the applications for Literary Fund Loans for the following projects was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda, subject to approval of final plans (' 22.1-140 of the *Code of Virginia*) and availability of funds:

County, City or Town	School	Amount
Smyth County	Marion Middle	557,000.00
Smyth County	Northwood High	895,628.00
Radford City	Radford High	714,508.00
Richmond City	New Southside Middle	5,000,000.00

County, City or Town	School	Amount
Gloucester County	Bethel Elementary	5,000,000.00
Stafford County	Winding Creek Elementary	5,000,000.00
Rockingham County	Spotswood High	4,000,000.00
Portsmouth City	I.C. Norcom High	5,000,000.00
Roanoke City	Breckinridge Middle	5,000,000.00
Smyth County	Northwood Middle	70,000.00
Total		\$31,237,136

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on Waiting List

The Superintendent's recommendation that funds be released for the following projects, was approved by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda:

County, City or Town	School	Amount
Smyth County	Marion Middle	557,000
Smyth County	Northwood High	895,628
Smyth County	Northwood Middle	70,000
Greene County	New Greene Elementary	5,000,000
King and Queen County	Central High School	500,000
West Point	West Point High	750,000
Total		\$7,772,628

First Priority Waiting List

County, City or Town	School	Amount
Portsmouth City	I.C. Norcom High	5,000,000
Roanoke City	Breckinridge Middle	5,000,000
Rockingham County	Spotswood High	4,000,000
Gloucester County	New Bethel Elementary	5,000,000
Stafford County	Winding Creek Elementary	5,000,000

County, City or Town	School	Amount
Total		\$24,000,000

Public Comment

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period:

Roger Willetts - Parents for a Better Education
Mary Willetts interpreted for Spencer Ruhs
Joe Gaurilino - Virginia Citizens for Excellence in Education

ACTION ITEM

Final Review of the Superintendent's Recommendation on the Licensure Fee Schedule

A new fee schedule was submitted to the Board for approval. Updated material was added to the information received by the Board in October 1995. Mrs. Yecke brought to the Board's attention the decline in licensure renewals and requested the results of the study that was proposed. Patty Pitts spoke to the issue and stated that the automated system being used has only been in use for a short time and that results were not yet available. Mr. Harris asked what would happen if the Board did not grant the request. Ms. Pitts indicated that current revenues were not sufficient to maintain operations.

Senator Jones asked if the request had been submitted by a General Assembly member. Kathy Kitchen indicated that a request had been made by a legislative member but that it had been unsuccessful. Ms. Kitchen continued to say that the General Assembly felt that the operation needed to continue to be self-supporting .

Mrs. Yecke asked how teachers would be notified of the fee change, and Thomas Elliott indicated that school divisions would be notified of the September 1 increase. Mr. Harris asked if operation funds would be included in next year's budget allowing the Department to revert to the old licensure fee structure. Kathy Kitchen indicated that the 1998 Budget would be the earliest the funding could be included.

Mrs. Yecke moved with regrets to approve the new fee structure, and Mr. Harris seconded. Ms. Easton called for a vote.

Mr. Harris - Aye	Mr. Decker - Aye
Mrs. Tuttle - Aye	Ms. Yecke - Aye
Mrs. James - Aye	Ms. Easton - Aye
Senator Jones - No	

The motion carried.

Discussion Items

First Review of Pre-Notice of Intended Regulatory Action for Regulations Governing Reenrollment Plans for Students Committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr. Decker motioned that the Board waive the first review and permit the department to file the Pre-NOIRA and Mrs. Yecke seconded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Annual Report of the State Special Education Advisory Committee

JoLynne DeMary introduced and recognized Marissa Sue Brown for the work and leadership she has provided the State Special Education Advisory Committee.

Issues addressed in report were the VA Comprehensive State Assessment System, Special Education Teacher Endorsement and Licensure, IDEA Reauthorization, Suspension and Expulsion of Students Receiving Special Education Services, Comprehensive Services Act, Individual Education Plans, and Implementation of the Federal Monitoring Corrective Plan.

In their report the State Special Education Advisory Committee made recommendations on test development, participation and accommodations, reporting, accountability, and personnel development.

Senator Jones thanked Ms. Brown on her leadership with the Committee, and Dr. Boshier asked that his appreciation for her hard work and leadership be expressed.

Discussion of Current Issues - by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Boshier recognized Dewey Oakley and Dr. Richard T. LaPointe. Dr. Boshier introduced Dr. Sal Rinaldi and Ernie Menino to the Board.

Dr. Boshier indicated that Board members had received a letter about SOL in the arts. He expressed his support for the arts in schools, and suggested the Board address the model guidelines in other disciplines and discuss this issue. Ms. Easton indicated that the Board should address the SOA and then address SOLs after the SOA.

Mrs. Tuttle suggested that the Board should consider joining Educational Leaders Council. Mr. Harris indicated that he was glad to see the Board move toward rejoining a leadership organization. Ms. Easton asked that this suggestion be added as an agenda item for the July meeting.

Ms. Easton asked that a review of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind be added to the July meeting as well.

Michelle Easton thanked Kathi Scarce for her services to the Board and then introduced Marian Morris as the Board's new secretary.

Senator Jones was offered congratulations on his 32nd wedding anniversary by Ms. Easton and the Board.

Ms. Easton recognized that this meeting would be Dr. Bosher's last, and she expressed appreciation for his leadership. Mrs. Tuttle indicated her regrets at Dr. Bosher's leaving, and Mr. Harris also expressed his sadness at his leaving.

Update on the Implementation of the English Standards of Learning

Jim Heywood introduced a tape featuring Dr. Reid Lyon and his recent presentation to the Department of Education on the prevention of reading failure. Mr. Heywood also outlined the SOL Regional Share Fairs that were recently put on throughout the state.

Kitty Rodgers informed the Board about workshops that were done during the spring months, and gave an overview of the curriculum that school divisions are preparing for the implementation of the English SOLs.

Phyllis Ayers focused on what teachers need for the implementation of English SOLs. Mrs. Tuttle expressed her delight in the way the English SOL implementation is proceeding.

Revision of Regulations Establishing Standards for accrediting (SOA) Public Schools in Virginia

Lin Corbin-Howerton presented information for the Board's approval that is to be submitted to the Virginia Register for publication which will set up the ability to hold public hearings.

Senator Jones expressed his wish to have a statement prepared about the direction the Board plans to take with the SOAs. Ms. Easton indicated that she would work with Lin Corbin-Howerton in the preparation of a basic outline to address possible concerns on the part of the public.

Mrs. Tuttle moved to waive the first reading and file the NOIRA and Mr. Decker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Virginia Code ' 2.1-344.A.7 for consultation and briefing with legal counsel and staff regarding Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Riley U.S. Court of Appeals record number 95-2627 and specifically to discuss personnel matters relating to licensure, and Mr. Harris seconded. The Board adjourned for Executive Session at 12:50 p.m.

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion seconded by Ms. Easton, and carried unanimously, that the Board reconvene in open session. The Board reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion that the Board certify by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification motion applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Board Roll Call

Mr. Harris - Aye	Senator Jones - Aye
Mrs. Tuttle - Aye	Ms. Yecke - Aye
Mr. Decker - Aye	Ms. Easton - Aye

Mr. Ware abstained from the motion but noted his concurrence with its substance.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Tuttle moved that the license reviewed in the executive session be denied, and Senator Jones seconded. The motion carried with six ayes and Mr. Decker opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Joan Murphy from the Attorney General's office indicated that they were preparing to appeal the decision in USDOE v. VA DOE.

First Review of Request for an Academic Year Governor's School

A request was presented to the Board from the counties of Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland, King George, Louisa, Orange, Spotsylvania, Stafford and the City of Fredericksburg to establish a Governor's School to serve the requesting localities. The proposed school would serve high school gifted students in their home schools through the medium of technology. There will not be a singular discipline, but students will pursue their own talents. The curriculum is envisioned to be similar to the Governor's Schools already in existence, with the only difference being that the medium of instructing will be different.

Mrs. Yecke expressed concern about the lack of public input on this issue. She indicated her concern about students not being able to meet with their gifted peers from the entire Governor's school they attend. Mrs. Yecke also expressed her concerns about the school director's job description.

Ms. Easton requested that Board members submit any questions about the proposal to her and they would be compiled.

First Review of the ABTEL Recommendation on the Continued Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs

First reading on this item before the Board concerning the Continued Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs at Eastern Mennonite University, the University of Virginia, Hampton University, and Marymount University.

First Review of the ABTEL Recommendation on Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel

First reading of ABTEL's recommendation on Technology Standards for instructional Personnel

First Review of the ABTEL Recommendation on a Proposal to Reduce Licensure Endorsement Areas for School Personnel

ABTEL was charged with compressing the endorsements and the Superintendent asked that the Board review and approve.

Ms. Easton proposed that Work and Family Studies be placed in parenthesis behind the endorsement area of Home Economics.

Mr. Decker moved that the Board accept the endorsements, and Mrs. Yecke seconded. The motion carried with six ayes and Mr. Ware voting no.

First Review of Nominations to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

First reading of the nominations to the Advisory Board on Teachers Education and Licensure, and it was requested that an Executive Session be added to the July meeting for discussion of the nominations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Boshier adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education on behalf of the President at 3:20 pm.

President